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REMARKS**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 33 and 53-82 are pending and are subject to a requirement for election of a single disclosed species. Claim 57 is amended herein to conform to proper claim structure and language. The amendment is not made for substantive reasons related to patentability and it does not narrow or surrender any of the subject matter of the claims as originally filed, but is made merely for purposes of clarification. Claims 83-86 are added, which are directed to the elected species and which find support in the specification and claims as originally filed.

II. Election of Species

The Office Action of October 3, 2003 requires an election of a single species of the claimed invention. Applicants elect, with traverse, the species as follows:

A synthetic polymer complement comprising:

a polymeric network having:

from 1 to 1000 target binding sites [claims 68 and 82]

that bind to a protein target [claim 57],

and wherein the polymeric network comprises:

monomers consisting of at least one head group and at least one

crosslinking group [claims 58 and 69], where:

the head group is a carbohydrate [claims 60 and 71] and

the crosslinking group is acrylamide [claims 61, 62, 72 and 73].

For a specific monomer, Applicants elect glucose-2-acrylamide (glucose being a species of carbohydrate).

Claims 33 and 53-86 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants wish to point out that under 37 CFR §1.141(a), they are entitled to claim ". . . *more than one* species of an invention . . . in *one* national application" [emphasis added]. Applicants further note that, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional, previously nonelected species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided

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by 37 CFR §1.141. Claims 33 and 53-82 are believed to be generic to the elected species combination.

III. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the USPTO on July 31, 2002.

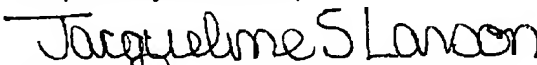
It is requested that the Examiner review the documents in the IDS and make them of record in this application.

IV. Conclusion

The present paper is a complete response to the Official Action mailed October 3, 2003

Should this response be considered inadequate or non-responsive for any reason, or should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' below-listed representative earnestly requests a telephone conference.

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